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She Sure Doesn't Look 'Docile' In Her Spring Break Photos

Police in one western Pennsylvania township have been on the lookout for an ostrich-like bird known as a rhea that recently escaped from its farm. Beaver County farm owner Liz Low says the birds are docile and that the missing animal apparently got free by jumping a fence earlier this week. North Sewickley Township police said the bird — believed to be about 5 feet tall and 80 pounds — remained at large Friday morning. (AP)

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A dairy company in Iran is trying to set a record for world's largest tub of ice cream. The Jakarta Globe reported Monday that it took the company, Choopan, eight hours to fill the 5-ton tub, which is about 6.5 feet wide and more than 5 feet tall. Guinness World Records representatives say they did witness the record attempt in Tehran but haven't spoken to the media about their ruling yet. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture

FELIPE DANA/AP

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN: Jamaican Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt runs Sunday to win the "Mano a Mano" men's 150-meter challenge on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro. Bolt defeated Antigua and Barbuda's Daniel Bailey, Ecuador's Alex Quinones and Brazil's Bruno Lins de Barros on a 150-meter track specially built at the famous beach.

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Nation

In Texas, DAs on Edge

After slayings, police take steps to protect prosecutors, staff

Kaufman, Texas

Deputies escorted some Kaufman County employees into the courthouse Monday, two days after the district attorney and his wife were found shot to death in their home in an attack that stirred fears that other public employees could be targeted by assassins.

Law enforcement officers were seen patrolling one side of the courthouse, one holding a semi-automatic weapon, while others walked around inside.

Authorities have said little about the investigation into the deaths of Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, whose bodies were found Saturday.

The couple's slayings came less than two weeks after Colorado's prison chief was shot to death at his front door, apparently by an ex-convict, and a couple of months after Kaufman County Assistant District Attorney Mark Hasse was killed in a parking lot near his courthouse office. No arrests have been made in Hasse's Jan. 31 killing.

"I don't want to walk around in fear every day ... but on the other hand, two months ago, we wouldn't be having this conversation," County Judge Bruce Wood, the county's top administrator, said Monday at a news conference.

Law enforcement agencies throughout Texas were on high alert, and steps were being taken to better protect other DAs and their staffs.

In Harris County, which includes Houston, District Attorney Mike Anderson said he accepted the sheriff's offer of 24-hour security for him and his family. Anderson said he also would take precautions at his office, the largest of its kind in Texas, with more than 270 prosecutors.

"I think district attorneys across Texas are still in a state of shock," Anderson said Sunday.

Gov. Rick Perry is suggesting that everyone — but especially public officials — should be extra cautious after the weekend killings.

Asked Monday if public officials should fear for their safety, Perry said: "I would suggest everyone should be careful about what goes on whether they're public officials or otherwise." NICHOLAS RICCARDI AND NOMAAN MERCHANT (AP)

Backstory

Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland, left, and his wife, Cynthia, were found shot to death in their home Saturday. Deputies were called to the McLelland home by relatives and friends who had been unable to reach the pair, according to a search warrant affidavit. When they arrived, investigators found the two had been shot multiple times. Cartridge casings were scattered near their bodies, the affidavit said. Authorities have not discussed a motive. (AP)

In Brief

ASHTABULA, OHIO

Man Charged With Killing Father at Easter Service

An ex-convict charged with killing his father at an Easter Sunday church service in Ohio made rambling comments Monday in Ashtabula Municipal Court, and the prosecutor requested a psychiatric evaluation. Police said 28-year-old Reshad Riddle went to the church and killed his father, 53-year-old Richard Riddle, with a single shot from a handgun and then yelled that the killing was "the will of Allah. This is the will of God." (AP)

Reshad Riddle

SISSONVILLE, W.VA.

'Buckwild' Cast Member, 2 Others Found Dead

A cast member of the MTV reality show "Buckwild" was found dead Monday in a sport utility vehicle in a ditch along with his uncle and a third, unidentified person, authorities said. Authorities said Shain Gandee, 21, his uncle David Gandee, 48, and the third person were last seen around 3 a.m. Sunday at a bar. (AP)

Correction

The Local story "Welcome to a Beer Town" on Friday's page 7 gave the incorrect spelling for D.C.'s Heurich Brewery, which closed in 1956.

Highway Reopens After 95-Car Pileup

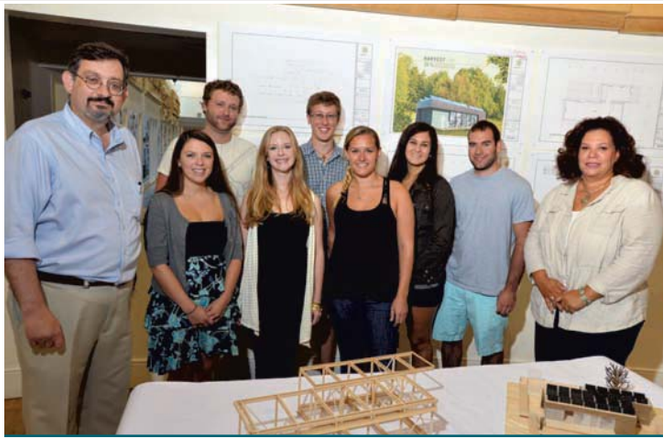
VIRGINIA STATE POLICE/AP

WRECKAGE FROM A 95-CAR PILEUP rests Sunday on Interstate 77 near the Virginia-North Carolina border in Galax, Va. Virginia State Police said three people were killed and 25 injured in the 17 separate crashes that occurred within a mile span, likely due to heavy fog. The interstate reopened early Monday.

Hearsay

"If two people of the same sex fall in love and want to marry, why would our government stand in the way?"

— **SEN. BOB CASEY, D-PA.,** SAYING MONDAY THAT HE FAVORS GAY MARRIAGE, THE LATEST OF SEVERAL LAWMAKERS TO CHANGE POSITIONS ON THE ISSUE THAT IS NOW BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT



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Colo. Prosecutors to Seek Death Penalty in Theater Shooting

Centennial, Colo.

Prosecutors on Monday said they will seek the death penalty against the man accused in last year's movie theater attack that killed 12, injured 70 and spurred new gun-control laws in Colorado.

The much-anticipated disclosure came in a court hearing held four days after prosecutors publicly rejected an offer by James Holmes' attorneys that the former neuroscience graduate student would plead guilty to avoid execution.

Holmes

Prosecutors had said the defense proposal wasn't a valid plea bargain offer, although they could still agree to a plea before the case goes to trial.

The decision to seek execution will delay the start of the trial until at least February, and the judge acknowledged that even that might not be enough time for all sides to prepare. The trial had been planned to begin in August.

"It's my determination and my intention that in this case for James Eagan Holmes, justice is death," Arapahoe County District Attorney George Brauchler said at the Monday hearing. There was no audible reaction from Holmes, who sat in court with his back to reporters.

Holmes' attorneys are expected to argue that he is not guilty because he was legally insane at the time of the July 20 shooting. They balked at entering that plea last month, saying they couldn't make such a move until prosecutors made a formal decision on the death penalty. DAN ELLIOTT (AP)

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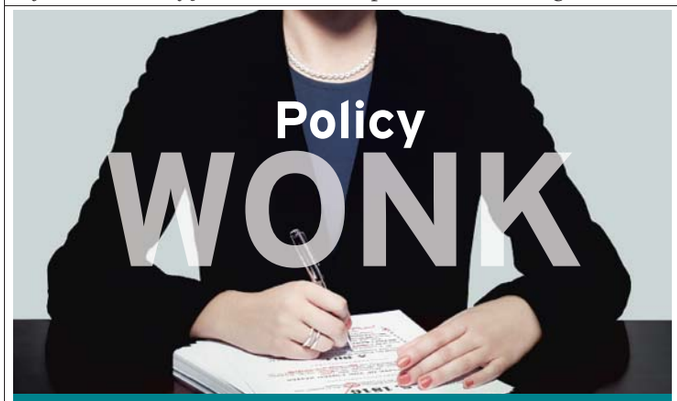

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World

In Brief

CAIRO

Hamas Leader Re-Elected

Mashaal

Hamas on Monday re-elected longtime leader Khaled Mashaal, capping a year of secret internal elections, officials in the Islamic militant group said. The Qatar-based Mashaal, 56, is a veteran politician who two Hamas officials said ran unopposed. He has been key to Hamas' attempts to break out of its political isolation. (AP)

KHAR, PAKISTAN

Woman Will Seek Office In Historic Campaign

A 40-year-old Pakistani housewife has made history by becoming the first woman to run for parliament from the country's deeply conservative tribal region bordering Afghanistan. "This was a difficult decision, but now I am determined and hopeful society will support me," Badam Zari said Monday. (AP)

SEOUL, S. KOREA

N. Korean Lawmakers OK Appointment of Premier

North Korea's parliament on Monday approved the appointment of a new premier seen by outside experts as an economic reformer. Analysts say the appointment of Pak Pong Ju is a sign that leader Kim Jong Un is moving to act on vows to develop the North's economy. (AP)

KADUNA, NIGERIA

19 Killed by Gunmen

At least 19 people were killed after gunmen raided a village in central Nigeria, a witness said Monday. The attackers are believed to be Muslim cattle herders. The area sits on the uneasy dividing line between Nigeria's predominantly Muslim north and largely Christian south. (AP)

Activists: 6K in Syria Died in March

Deadliest month yet in civil war comes as rebels step up attacks

Beirut

March was the bloodiest month yet in Syria's 2-year-old conflict with more than 6,000 documented deaths, a leading anti-regime activist group said Monday, blaming the increase on heavier shelling and more violent clashes.

Rami Abdul-Rahman, who heads the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said the increased toll is likely incomplete because both the Syrian army and the rebel groups fighting the government often underreport their dead in the civil war.

"Both sides are hiding information," Abdul-Rahman said by phone from Britain, where his group is based. "It is very difficult to get correct info on the fighters because they don't want the information to hurt morale."

The numbers, while provided by only one group, support the appraisal of the conflict offered by many observers: The civil war, largely a military stalemate, is destroying Syria's social fabric and taking a huge toll on civilians.

The increase also reflects the continuing spread of major hostilities to new parts of Syria. While clashes continue in Aleppo, Damascus and Homs, Syria's three largest cities, rebels have launched an offensive in recent weeks to seize towns and army bases in the southern province of Daraa.

Abdul-Rahman criticized the international community for not doing more to stop the bloodshed, which he said could increase.

"If there is no solution, we think the numbers will get worse in the coming months," he said.

His overall death toll through the end of March was 62,554, but he suggested the true figure could be twice as high. A U.N. panel issued a report in February saying about 70,000 people had been killed in the conflict. It has not updated its figure. BEN HUBBARD (AP)

Meanwhile ...

Syrian President Bashar Assad's wife, Asma, has broken her long silence on the events shaking the country in a video shown on Syrian TV stations over the weekend and posted online. In the professionally produced 14-minute video, she was seen greeting, hugging and kissing women who were described as the mothers of Syrian soldiers killed in battle. The video said it was filmed during a reception on Mother's Day, which is celebrated in much of the Arab world on March 21. Asma Assad thanked the mothers for their sacrifice. (AP)

Afghan Kills U.S. Soldier As He Plays With Children

Kabul, Afghanistan

An Afghan teenager fatally stabbed an American soldier in the neck as he played with children in eastern Afghanistan, officials said Monday, as the U.S. death toll rose sharply last month with an uptick in fighting because of warmer weather.

The attack that killed Sgt. Michael Cable, 26, of Philpot, Ky., occurred Wednesday near the volatile border with Pakistan. The attacker came from behind and stabbed him with a large knife, an Afghan official said.

Other guards nearby didn't immediately notice what had happened because there was no gunshot, and the assailant, believed to be about 16, was able to flee to neighboring Pakistan, the official added.

Last week's calculated attack shows that international troops still face myriad dangers even though they are gearing up for withdrawal by the end of 2014.

Overall, the number of foreign troops killed in Afghanistan has fallen as their role shifts more toward training and advising troops instead of fighting. (AP)

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The number of U.S. service members killed in Afghanistan in February — a five-year monthly low. However, the U.S. death toll climbed to at least 14 in March. (AP)

Grief Grips Iraqis at Mass Funeral

BILAL FAWZI/AP

RELATIVES MOURN MONDAY OVER THE BODIES of three men who were gunned down Sunday in Fallujah, Iraq. Elsewhere Monday, a suicide bomber drove a fuel-laden truck into a police station in central Iraq, killing seven policemen, officials in Tikrit said.

10 **The number of experts** Italian President Giorgio Napolitano has named to a panel of "wise men" to try to do what Italy's bickering politicians have failed to accomplish since inconclusive elections in February: figure out a formula to help form a new government fast. The 10 panel members will have their first meeting with Napolitano today, which coincides with the resumption of financial trading after the long Easter weekend. (AP)

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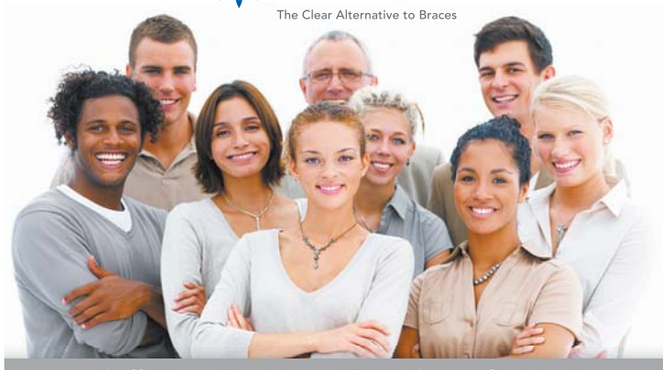

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Transportation

Transurban, the company that operates the new express lanes on the west side of the Beltway in Virginia, has decided for the first time to offer a free test to drivers who normally would pay a toll.

All drivers can use the lanes for free from 12:01 a.m. Saturday through 11:59 p.m. Sunday. No E-ZPass will be required.

Before the express lanes opened in November, many drivers wondered whether the lanes would have a free get-acquainted period to start, just as Maryland's Intercounty Connector did.

Transurban officials said they wouldn't be doing that. The Beltway system was more than a new set of lanes, they said. They were selling a different type of travel experience, offering something extremely rare for drivers in the congested D.C. region: a reliable commute.

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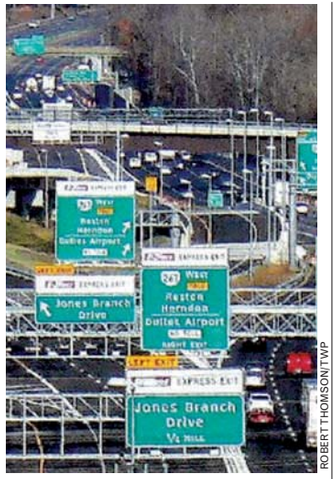
The free weekend is part of a broader education campaign Transurban is launching to explain the lanes to potential customers.



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The express lanes on the west side of the Beltway opened in November.

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Mid-day Pick 4	7-9-1-9
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Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	5-6-9
Mid-day Pick 4	4-6-5-4
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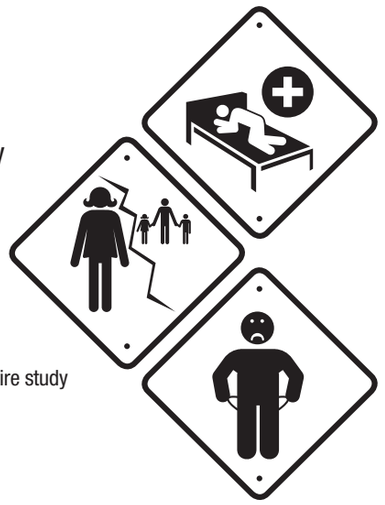

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Private Bunny Money

Souvenir sales and donors pay the way for Easter Egg Roll

Washington

In a time of severe budget constraints, two factors explain why the White House could afford to welcome more than 30,000 people Monday for the 135th annual Easter Egg Roll despite rumors of its pending cancellation: corporate sponsors and souvenir eggs.

Nearly a century ago, Congress empowered the National Park Service, which oversees the Easter Egg Roll, to accept private donations for its operations.

So when her twin boys told her the event might be canceled, Victoria Knight-McDowell, owner and chief executive of Pine Bros. Softish Throat Drops, wrote a check for $25,000 to make sure that would not happen. "It's been such a wonderful White House tradition," Knight-McDowell said.

People from all 50 states and the District received tickets to the Easter Egg Roll through an online lottery and entered the South Lawn in stages from 7:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Commemorative eggs come in several colors and sell for $7.99. Customers who buy the full set for $29.99 receive a bonus egg depicting Bo, the first family's dog.

National Park Foundation spokeswoman Marjorie Taft Hall, whose group handles private contributions for the event and sells the commemorative eggs, wrote in an email that the egg sales "largely cover the cost of the Easter Egg Roll. As in past administrations, we are also accepting private donations to cover any additional costs."

JULIET EILPERIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

AP

Children participate in the annual White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn.

35,000

The approximate number of visitors who attended Monday's festivities, according to the White House.

Backstory

Last month, Congress passed the key measure — a continuing resolution to keep the government running — that allowed the egg roll to happen. The annual Easter Egg Roll itself came about as a reaction to Congress. While informal egg-roll gatherings took place at the White House during the Lincoln administration, they were held on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol after the Civil War. In 1876, Congress outlawed using the area for games, to protect the Capitol grounds, which prompted President Rutherford B. Hayes to hold an egg roll at the White House two years later. (TWP)

Sikhs Win Va. Marriage Law Case

Fairfax

A Fairfax County judge has ruled in favor of four Sikh men who challenged a Virginia law that required them to pay $500 to perform marriage ceremonies.

The law exempts ordained ministers from various faiths from posting a $500 bond to perform weddings. The Sikh men said the law discriminates against them because their faith has no ordained ministers.

In a ruling Friday, Judge Dennis Smith sided with the Sikhs. He said the requirement to post a bond is an unconstitutional infringement on freedom of religion. He ordered that the men be licensed to perform marriages without having to pay the fee.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, which represented the Sikhs, on Monday urged the state legislature to change the law to reflect the judge's ruling. (AP)

Gray Not Pro-Union, Judges Say

Washington

A group of city administrative law judges is seeking to unionize for the first time, and the months-long effort — taking place over the strenuous objections of the judges' supervisor — has generated frustration among union advocates who think Mayor Vincent Gray has failed to match his pro-labor rhetoric with action.

"We're in Washington, D.C., and we're seeing the kind of stuff that has gone on in Wisconsin, the kind of stuff that's gone on in Michigan, the kind of stuff that's gone on in Indiana," said Paul Shearon, secretary-treasurer of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, the union that is helping the judges in the Office of Administrative Hearings organize.

The reference to the recent union-related measures by Republican governors and legislators in traditionally labor-friendly states might be exaggerated. But the Gray administration's top labor relations officials initially opposed the judges' attempts to organize, and although they have since withdrawn from the case, the agency's chief judge has hired a high-powered private law firm to keep fighting.

The organizers insist that Gray, under D.C. law, can step in and recognize the union. But Gray has declined to do so. On Wednesday, lawyers from the Office of the Attorney General filed a legal brief in support of the judges' right to organize. The administration is leaving it to a city employee labor-relations board to hear the case.

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RICHMOND

Poll: Warner Would Lead McDonnell in 2014 Race

Sen. Mark Warner holds a wide lead over Gov. Bob McDonnell in a hypothetical 2014 Senate matchup, a new poll shows. A survey from the University of Mary Washington's Center for Leadership and Media Studies gives Warner, a Democrat, a 16-point lead — 51 percent to 35 percent — over McDonnell, a Republican, among Virginia adults. Warner, who said last week that he would seek re-election, has an advantage in every region of the state over McDonnell, who is term-limited out of the governorship but has not indicated that he plans to run for the Senate. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Warner

WASHINGTON

Metro to Triple Number of Surveillance Cameras

Metro plans to add surveillance cameras to its rail cars for the first time and is spending millions of dollars to triple the number of surveillance cameras monitoring its stations and parking garages. The Washington Examiner reported that the transit agency plans to increase the number of security cameras from 1,900 to nearly 6,000 at a cost of $6.5 million, according to an agency spokesman. Metro previously announced plans to spend more than $7 million to install cameras on some cars. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Sharpshooters Cull Deer Herd in Rock Creek Park

The National Park Service says sharpshooters have killed 20 deer in Washington's Rock Creek Park, reducing the deer population in the park by roughly 10 percent in order to protect plant and animal habitat. The goal is to reduce the population to no more than 20 per square mile. The use of sharpshooters was delayed by a lawsuit filed by an animal rights group. A judge ruled in favor of the park service, which plans to kill more deer sometime this fall. (AP)

Sports

LEN REDKOLES/NHLI VIA GETTY IMAGES

The Capitals (16-17-2, 34 points) entered April just one point out of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Capitals' March Revival

Productive month puts Washington back in playoff hunt

Capitals

All things considered, March was a success for the Capitals. After winning only seven games in January and February combined, Washington won nine of 16 last month and jumped from 15th place in the Eastern Conference and six points out of the final playoff spot on March 1 to 11th place and one point out on April 1. Only the Penguins (who went undefeated for the month), the second-place Canadiens and the fourth-place Bruins earned more points than the Capitals' 19 in the East in March.

7 P.M.
Today | CSN+

The Capitals could be doing even better had they held on to their two-goal third-period lead Sunday against the Flyers. One night after coming back from a 3-1 third-period deficit to defeat Buffalo 4-3 in a shootout, Washington let Philadelphia tie the game with 9.5 seconds left in regulation and then win it in overtime in a 5-4 loss.

"If you win these games, you deserve to be in the playoffs," goaltender Braden Holtby said. "We have to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Despite the loss, the Capitals (16-17-2) haven't been this close to the East playoff picture since they were 0-0-0. They open April with an important matchup, taking on the Hurricanes tonight in Raleigh with a chance to gain ground in the Eastern Conference and Southeast Division races. Six of Washington's next seven games are against teams that are also on the outside looking in entering play Monday. Conversely, the Capitals' final six games are against teams within the top eight of the conference as of Monday, so this is the time to put teams around them behind them.

"Every game's important," coach Adam Oates said. "Carolina, division team, obviously a team we've got to beat to get in the playoffs. You know, must-win." ADAM VINGAN (FOR EXPRESS)

Porter Earns First-Team Honor: Georgetown forward Otto Porter Jr. has been named to the AP All-America first team. The sophomore and Trey Burke of Michigan tied as the leading vote-getters, while Victor Oladipo of Indiana, Kelly Olynyk of Gonzaga and Doug McDermott of Creighton were the other players selected. Porter, left, averaged 16.3 points and 7.4 rebounds a game and is Georgetown's sixth All-American and first since Allen Iverson in 1996. (AP)

TV Lineup

NBA (7 P.M., CSN) The Wizards are making a run at the ninth spot in the East (they are just three games back of the 76ers) and host the Bulls at Verizon Center.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN2) If the Terps top Iowa, they'll face the winner of the other NIT semifinal between BYU and Baylor.

NBA (8 P.M., TNT) The Knicks, fighting with the Pacers for the second seed in the Eastern Conference, face the Heat, who have won 29 of their past 30 games.

NHL (8 P.M., NBCSN) The Penguins, who went undefeated in March, are riding a 15-game winning streak. They try to keep the streak alive at home vs. Buffalo.

COLLEGE HOOPS (8 PM, CBSSN) East Carolina faces Weber State in the CIT championship game.

NBA (10:30 P.M., TNT) Entering Monday night, the Jazz were in the No. 8 spot in the West — holding a tiebreaker over the Lakers and a 1½-game lead over the Mavericks. The Lakers host Dallas tonight.

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Full Speed Ahead

Stephen Strasburg allowed no runs and three hits in seven innings for the Nats.

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Strasburg, Harper lead Nats to victory on opening day

Nationals

For Bryce Harper, the highlights included two homers in his first two at-bats followed by chants of "M-V-P!" For Stephen Strasburg, there were the 19 consecutive outs during seven scoreless innings.

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And for the defending NL East champion Nationals, opening day ended with a 2-0 victory over the Miami Marlins. It was a promising start to a season that lame-duck manager Davey Johnson said months ago should be defined as "World Series or bust."

"You couldn't draw it up any better. No question," Nats first baseman Adam LaRoche said after Monday's game at Nationals Park. "And to have the two youngsters go out, do what they did? ... Let Harper and Stras go to work. They didn't need us."

Harper, the 20-year-old left fielder coming off NL Rookie of the Year honors, hit solo shots over the out-of-town scoreboard in right-center field off Ricky Nolasco (0-1) in the first and fourth innings.

45,274

Monday's attendence was the largest ever at Nationals Park for a regular-season game. Game 5 of last year's NLDS is the only time the stadium held a larger crowd. (AP)

"Didn't make the best pitches to him, and he didn't miss 'em," said Nolasco, who gave up two runs and three hits in six innings, with five strikeouts and two walks.

It was Harper's first taste of opening day; he began last year in the minors before getting called up.

"It was a pretty special moment," Harper said. "If I was 0-for-4 or 4-for-4, it wouldn't have mattered to me."

For Strasburg (1-0), this marked the start of what should be his first full season in the majors, without a pitch or innings limit. The All-Star ace, shut down before the Nats' run in September, was dominant against a depleted Marlins lineup featuring Giancarlo Stanton and little else.

The right-hander went seven innings, matching his career high, and allowed three hits. Pitching to contact more than in the past, Strasburg used his electric, high-90s-mph stuff for three strikeouts and did not walk a batter.

Harper and Strasburg are only the second pair of No. 1 overall picks in baseball's June amateur draft to start an opening-day game for the team that chose them.

With Strasburg done after 80 pitches, 52 for strikes, Johnson turned to his bullpen. Tyler Clippard came on for the eighth and worked around a walk. New closer Rafael Soriano came on with a perfect ninth and struck out two.

He showed Nationals fans his typical save celebration, too, untucking his jersey after pointing to the sky. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

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Nationals players and coaches listen to the national anthem.

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Fans react during the player introductions before the game.

Another Record Day for Harper

Left fielder Bryce Harper, 20, left, became the youngest major leaguer to homer twice in his team's opening game of a season, delivering solo shots in his first two at-bats Monday. The previous youngest was Don Money, who was 21 on April 8, 1969, when he hit two homers for the Phillies. After Harper's second homer Monday, some fans at Nationals Park serenaded him with chants of "M-V-P!" and he gave a curtain call, stepping out of the dugout and pumping his right fist. (AP)

Sports

ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Last year, manager Davey Johnson led the Nats to their first playoff appearance.

Time Management For Nats' Johnson

Washington skipper opens lame-duck season with a win

Nationals

Davey Johnson is unsure what's ahead after his final season as the manager of the Washington Nationals.

His wife wants him to retire and travel. He wants to continue working in some capacity, which appears to be in a consulting role with the Nationals' organization. One thing's for sure: Johnson knows this will be his final go-around managing a ballclub.

Last year, Johnson became the second manager in Major League Baseball history to have taken four different teams to the postseason. In 1986, Johnson won a World Series as manager of the New York Mets.

After much prodding from the media — as Johnson put it — he proclaimed this year to be "World Series or bust" back in December. Washington opened Johnson's final campaign with a 2-0 win over Miami on Monday.

"I think I'm the person for the challenge this year," Johnson said. "I think the development of this ballclub can culminate this year. Then I'll probably turn it over to a younger, more energetic manager. That's my thought."

Prior to Johnson's arrival in 2011, the Nationals hadn't had a winning season since moving to the District. His players are aware they have an opportunity to send their skipper out on a high note.

"We're just trying to win ballgames," relief pitcher Tyler Clippard said. "That's what he wants us to do."

Shortstop Ian Desmond, who has been with the Nationals' organization his entire career, acknowledged that Johnson has been a key figure in Washington's turnaround.

"Davey keeps us in check," Desmond said. "He's seen it all, been there and done that. His biggest thing is staying even-keeled. If you have a young team, that's what you have to do. You can't have too many highs and lows."

For the time being, the Nationals aren't thinking about life without Johnson at the helm.

"Davey's done so much in baseball," third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said. "It's tough to think of him not being a manager and being involved on a day-to-day basis on a baseball field. He's obviously special to a lot of us and countless people in the game everywhere. It'll be a little different, but I'm going to enjoy the season this year and think about that later." JASON BUTT (FOR EXPRESS)

MLB Power Rankings

BEN MARGOT/AP

Reigning NL MVP Buster Posey and the Giants will try to defend their title.

MICHAEL KEATING/AP

Josh Hamilton signed a five-year, $125 million contract with the Angels in the offseason.

1. Nationals
Had most wins last year and improved their roster.

2. Angels
Trout, Hamilton, Pujols, Trumbo ... wow. Does it even matter who pitches?

3. Reds
Aside from the Nats, this is the most complete team.

4. Tigers
Best pitcher and best hitter in all of majors.

5. Giants
While pitching gets most of the credit, hitters were hot after the break in 2012.

6. Blue Jays
No team changed more, but will it equate to wins?

7. Dodgers
The top NL lineup if they all can stay healthy.

8. Braves
With Upton brothers, this may be the top outfield in the league.

9. Athletics
Young staff now has some playoff experience.

10. Orioles
How many one-run games can they win this year?

11. Cardinals
Smart move to extend deal for Wainwright to 2018.

12. Rangers
Without Hamilton, pitching staff will have to step up.

13. Rays
Pitching is great, but can they produce enough runs to compete in AL East?

14. Brewers
Ryan Braun could use some help on offense.

15. Red Sox
With lowered expectations, they might surprise people.

16. Phillies
A rotation of Hamels, Lee and Halladay is still scary.

17. Pirates
Catcher Russell Martin is a nice addition to a lineup that lacks pop.

18. Yankees
If it were 2006, this would be the best lineup in the league.

19. D-backs
Offense produced fourth-most runs in NL last year.

20. White Sox
In 2012, they missed the playoffs by three games.

21. Mariners
With Felix Hernandez, they'll at least have a good chance to win every fifth day.

22. Royals
Added some experience in the rotation with Shields, Santana.

23. Padres
Chase Headley needs to get healthy quick.

24. Mets
Try to name someone in New York's outfield.

25. Twins
This could be the worst pitching staff in the AL.

26. Indians
Nick Swisher adds some much-needed power.

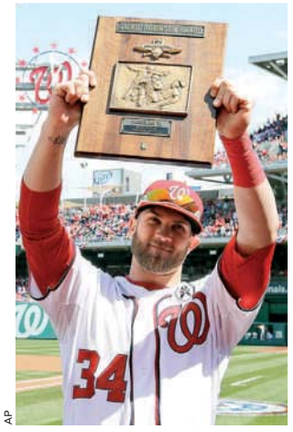
27. Marlins
Stanton probably won't have much fun this year.

28. Rockies
Any pitcher want to come to Colorado?

29. Cubs
That World Series drought will probably continue.

30. Astros
Moved to the AL after losing 107 games last year.

JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)



AP

Roll Out the Red Carpet

Before Monday's game, the Nationals celebrated their 98-win 2012 season by unveiling a sign atop the outfield scoreboard that proclaims them "NL East Division Champions." They also honored Bryce Harper, far left, for his rookie honor, Davey Johnson, left, for his NL Manager of the Year award, and recipients of Gold Glove and Silver Slugger trophies. The Nationals Park crowd roared during player introductions and kept on clapping and yelling throughout the game. "They really were loud and crazy," Harper said. "Hopefully they're going to be like that all year." (AP)

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Coach Mark Turgeon, Pe'Shon Howard and Maryland face Iowa tonight in the NIT.

Terps in NIT Semis At Hoops Mecca

Turgeon uses history of Madison Square Garden to motivate

Terps Hoops

9 P.M.
Today | ESPN2

It's been nearly five months since the Maryland Terrapins set foot in New York City.

They traveled there in November to face reigning NCAA champion Kentucky in the season opener. It turned out to be a three-point loss, an unsuccessful visit to the new Barclays Center, the home of the relocated Brooklyn Nets.

The Terps are back in the city, but the venue this time is Madison Square Garden, an arena filled with historic moments, including heavyweight title fights and unforgettable basketball games.

It was that sense of history that Maryland coach Mark Turgeon called upon last week to motivate his players. Before the NIT quarterfinals in which the Terrapins edged Alabama in Tuscaloosa by a single point, the coach regaled them with tales of legendary players and memorable performances inside Madison Square Garden.

The Terps will tip off against Iowa tonight for the right to play for the NIT championship on Thursday. Baylor and BYU also play tonight in the other semifinal.

"Any NBA player, any great player says it's the mecca," said Turgeon, who played there as a point guard for Kansas in the mid-1980s. "This is where you want to be. So I know our guys will be fired up, but I also know Iowa's players will be fired up."

Iowa (24-12) has defeated Indiana State, Stony Brook and Virginia in the NIT, after finishing the season sixth in the Big Ten standings.

Maryland (25-12) reached the semifinals by beating Niagara, Denver and Alabama. The Terps have won five of six games since the end of the regular season, losing only to North Carolina in the ACC tournament semifinals.

Maryland's 25 wins this season are the most since 2006-07. A win today would give the program its most wins since the 2001-02 national championship season.

It's an opportunity for the Terps to make their own memories in the mecca.

"We know the history behind the place and how special it is to play there and who's played there," freshman Jake Layman said. "It's going to be awesome." DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

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Guinea Pig | On a Roll

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COURTESY CITY SPORTS

When City Sports held focus groups with plus-size customers, participants asked for tank tops and bright colors. Both feature prominently in the chain's new collection.

Try These On for Size

City Sports woos new customers by adding women's apparel in 1X through 3X

City Sports is thinking bigger.

Specifically, it's thinking about those female customers who have shopped for footwear and accessories but have skipped the clothing. That behavior may change now that the stores at Gallery Place (715 Seventh St. NW) and 19th Street (1111 19th St. NW) have added racks dedicated to sizes 1X through 3X.

"We felt it was a void in the marketplace," says Lauren Blanda, the chain's category manager for apparel. "But we didn't want to do it halfheartedly."

Just two of the vendors that City Sports carries had rolled out plus sizes — Moving Comfort and Nike — so the company decided to expand its CS label to round out the offerings. That process took a year and started with focus groups to determine what plus-size shoppers are looking for, Blanda says.

"They really want color. That was the biggest disappointment [they expressed], other than not being able to find things that fit comfortably," says Blanda, noting that the women said they often had to buy men's clothes.

To make sure the styles would work on real bodies, the designers recruited a woman they spotted exercising at a Boston-area gym to be a fit model. Her request? Tank tops that provided breathability and a wide range of motion.

City Sports set out to replicate several existing CS styles, which proved more difficult than it sounds, Blanda says. But with some extra paneling and different seaming, many of the looks are flattering in the larger sizes.

Want Some More?

City Sports plans to extend sizes throughout the store this year by also adding widths in footwear, a broader range of sports bras, and short and tall styles in women's pants.

Blanda's favorite is the CS Paramount Capri ($55). Like the original style ($48), it has a back zippered pocket and reflective details. She hopes shoppers appreciate the breadth of styles available — hoodies, sports bras, a skort.

The company is still figuring out which products will appeal to customers, which is why the line is initially available at only six stores and online. (D.C. got two of the test stores based on analysis that it would be a hot market, Blanda says.)

If sales are strong, that may persuade other brands to start thinking bigger, too. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

A Bottom-Line Adjustment

Activewear from Italy gives women more support from behind

Bras give women support up front. So what can give them a lift in the back?

That's the question that Italian activewear brand Freddy has answered with WR.UP pants. The tight trousers that shape rear ends with strategically placed silicone and inventive stitching are now available at Freddy's first store in the United States, which opened two weeks ago at Westfield Montgomery (7101 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda).

Freddy, which started in 1976 as a dance apparel company, now also makes casual apparel, menswear and fashions for kids. (It's also the official outfitter of Italy's Olympic team.) But for its American debut, likely the first of several locations in the country, the brand is focused on women's pants.

The store, on the mall's second floor near Nordstrom, greets shoppers with WR.UP styles. On the left is a rainbow of soft cotton jersey leggings ($109-$139), and on the right are sportier capris ($68, including a matching tank top).

Freddy's WR.UP pants shape, hold and lift the buttocks.

All of these pants boast the same internal design, which holds in the hips and pushes up the cheeks. And all of them are ready for exercise, says founder Carlo Freddi, who strives to create clothes that women can slip into no matter the occasion.

"You'll wear it playing golf and going out," he says. "If you wear it, you can't live without it."

That's a bold statement, but Freddi believes his pants can back it up. V.H.

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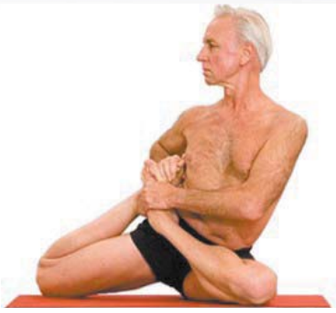

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Discussion With A Drama Queen

Q My sister has always resented me because she feels like our parents were easier on me than they were on her. That might be true in some ways, but she's very abrasive and has a way of creating drama. She never takes responsibility for her role in things. Recently, she said she wants to have a sit-down with our whole family to "hash things out." I think this is ridiculous and told her that she needs to seek counseling on her own. Now she's not speaking with me. I'm so mad at her, but I don't know how to not feed into her drama. TIRED OF THE DRAMA

Lashing out at your sister will only give her more material for her drama. (Now showing: "I'm the Victim!")

Suggesting counseling to her was probably a great idea in theory, but she obviously heard it as a judgment that she's flawed and as a refusal to collaborate with her. The word "ridiculous" probably didn't help matters, if you used it. I must ask, what's so wrong with the hash-out plan? Giving in to a little listening — with some boundaries that you set — might buy you some peace if she gets the chance to feel heard.

The Time Hoarder's Wife

Q My husband makes time for what he wants to do: happy hours after work, golfing on the weekends, etc. He assumes I will pick up the slack with child care. If I ever want to go to brunch with friends, however, or go shopping, he acts all burdened. I'm very frustrated that everything falls on me and that I'm the one who misses getting any personal time. I'M THE ONE WHO'S BURDENED

This can't be solved without candid communication. (And it might still not be solved if he happens to be narcissistic or a golf addict, but communication is still your best bet.)

Depending on how strong the inertia of this imbalance is, and how much potential he has to take the initiative with child care, this could take a while. Tell him that you need more alone time to recharge, and that you've noticed he reacts better when such outings are planned in advance, so you're going to draw up a schedule. Then get concrete. Whether it's an hour-for-an-hour trade-off or a golf-for-shopping swap, the point is to make him more aware of just how much more time he's getting and, more importantly, how much he takes you for granted.

By Dr. Andrea Bonior

@ Send your questions to Dr. Andrea Bonior at baggage@readexpress.com. Andrea is a local clinical psychologist and author of the book "The Friendship Fix" (Friendshipfix.com).

Event Horizon

Mountain Tops

So you'd like to see what it's like to ride a bike on a 36-day trip that explores mountains, beaches and deserts, but you have only one night for an adventure? Take a seat at "Reveal the Path," an adventure documentary screening at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse (2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington; Arlingtondrafthouse.com). Tickets are $10 online, $15 at the door. Find more information about the film at Revealthepath.com.

What Do You Say to a 5K?

It can be rewarding to train for a long-distance race, such as Sunday's Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run or the 2013 Marine Corps Marathon (which sold out in a record 2 hours 27 minutes last week). But you can get to the finish line of one of these weekend 5Ks much faster.

Crystal Run 5K Fridays

The healthiest happy hour returns to Crystal City this month. At 6:30 p.m. every Friday in April, it's time to gather at 2121 Crystal Drive and go on a brisk tour of the neighborhood. Also scope out some new shoes with the Pacers Shoe Lab, which lets you swap what's on your feet for a pair from Mizuno, Saucony or Newton for the duration of the race. After the run, participants can shower at Sport & Health or take a free yoga-for-athletes class at 7:30 p.m. at Mind Your Body Oasis. It's $20 for one race, or $60 for the series of four (just hold on to your bib and timing tag). For more details, visit Runpacers.com/race/crystal-run-5k-Fridays.

KEVIN DIETSCH/FOR EXPRESS

Crystal Run 5K Fridays give folks a healthy way to kick off their weekends in April.

D.C. Endurance Challenge Fun Run

Local ultramarathon star Michael Wardian invites you to a warm-up for The North Face's annual nine-race extravaganza. While the longest distance at the big event in Sterling, Va.'s Algonkian Regional Park (Thenorthface.com/en_US/endurance-challenge/washington-dc) will be 50 miles, no one is expected to go more than 3.1 miles on this Saturday's jog. It starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Georgetown store (3333 M St. NW). Stick around for post-run snacks and a poster signing with Wardian.

Heroes vs. Villains Run For Justice 5K

Ever tried running with a cape? This $35 fundraiser for the Fairfax Law Foundation invites participants to come dressed as their favorite comic-book characters. There won't be any actual fighting at 9 a.m. Sunday in Fairfax Corner. But you can triumph even if you can't go faster than a speeding bullet — there are also several prizes for best costumes. Get more details at Fairfaxlawfoundation.org. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

GOLD'S GYM GET FIT CHALLENGE

WEEK 1: GOALS

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TRAINER: PATRICK

Gold's Gym Location: Chantilly

How are you planning to keep April on track to meet her goals?

At this stage for April, it's 99.9% mental. My goal is to keep her focused by being as accessible to her as possible and by being her outlet for when negative thoughts creep into her head. If we change how she views negative thoughts, and stop them from happening, it will reflect through her physical changes.

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CONTESTANT: APRIL

Gold's Gym Location: Chantilly

What are the greatest challenges to reaching your goals?

Exhaustion! I cried all the way home yesterday after working out because I was so tired! I know it's going to get easier, but right now I'm so exhausted — both mentally and physically. Another issue I'm having: understanding portion control. I'm an emotional eater, so getting upset after my workout caused me to eat too much.

How do you plan to overcome these challenges?

Since I'm so busy during the week, I'm going to start preparing meals on the weekends, and I bought a scale to start weighing my food. Also, Patrick is making me stronger by forcing me to come to the gym every day to do cardio and lift weights. He's my leaning post right now and my biggest fan — I know I couldn't do this without him!

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Retired physical education teacher Pat Rumbaugh, above, gets her neighborhood moving at a Takoma Plays event. A mother and daughter, right, play hopscotch — one of several activities on Willow Street.

Real Power Player

Pat Rumbaugh wants to show folks that you're never too old to have fun

It was just a row of squares marked in chalk on the asphalt, but it was irresistible to Ellen Cassedy, who eagerly bounced down the street on one leg. "I haven't hopped a hopscotch since I was about 12, so it's been 50 years," marveled Cassedy, who was on her way home from the Takoma Park farmers market on St. Patrick's Day when she and her husband noticed a commotion on Willow Street.

Parked along the block were a cornhole set, a gigantic chess board, a tennis net, a parachute, balls galore and a whole lot of people of all ages being silly. In other words, it was a typical meeting of Takoma Plays, a community group dedicated to the pursuit of a good time.

The ringleader, Pat Rumbaugh, was easy to spot in her "PLAY!" hat and broad smile, goofing off as much as possible. That's because the 54-year-old takes this stuff very seriously. After a nearly 30-year career teaching physical education at Washington International School, Rumbaugh decided this year to become a full-time play advocate.

"If we all make time to play, our society is going to be happier and more relaxed. Our quality of life will improve," said Rumbaugh, whose interest in play began with kids — the ones she taught, the ones she raised (her son and daughter are in their 20s) and the one she once was.

After her mother received a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in 2002, Rumbaugh came to realize that play also can help adults handle life's stresses.

Now, play is something she strives to have in her life as much as possible. It can be tennis, swimming, yoga or one of her daily "playful walks" with her dog.

Some people would describe these activities as working out. But to Rumbaugh's mind, exercise is something you have to do, while playing is something you want to do.

"It starts with what's between the ears," she said. "Do you enjoy it? Is it something you give yourself? Then it's play."

To promote this mindset and its beneficial effects on both physical and mental health, Rumbaugh founded Takoma Plays. Since the group's first event in 2009, the goal has been to bring play to everyone in the community, director Mary Hanisco said at the Willow Street event, pointing to a woman in her 80s who was hitting a tennis ball to her teenage grandson.

"It's awesome, especially because I kind of like beating adults," said 11-year-old Hemi Pande, who was offering four square lessons.

Two people she was beating were Steve Nadel and his wife, Cindy Dyballa, both in their 50s.

Their daughter is grown up, but that doesn't mean Dyballa has to be.

"I've loved to swing since I was a little kid," she said. "Sometimes I do it at night in the playground across the street from our house, which isn't even legal."

Rumbaugh wants to get adults from coast to coast in on the fun with her next endeavor, Let's Play America. She hopes to convince people that it takes only a little money for supplies and a few people willing to live in a way that celebrates play.

"I try to model it," Rumbaugh said. "When I carry on conversations with people, I encourage it. And I invite people to join me."

Some people don't require much of a push. After Cassedy completed her first hopscotch in half a century, she was ready for more.

"I'm going to try hula-hooping," she said, spying a pile of the colorful loops. "That's another thing I haven't done in a while."

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

By the Book

Two decades ago at a library story time, Pat Rumbaugh's son asked: "Why aren't there real pictures of kids playing in books?" Rumbaugh finally answered his question with the release last month of "Let's Play at the Playground," which features photos (by Daniel Nakamura) of exuberant kids next to phrases reminding readers that "climbing is an adventure" and "jumping is like flying." It's available at several stores around D.C., including Politics and Prose and the National Building Museum. V.H.

"It starts with what's between the ears. Do you enjoy it? Is it something you give yourself? Then it's play."

— **PAT RUMBAUGH,** FORMER PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND PLAY ADVOCATE

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A Serious Note
'Glee's' Cory Monteith voluntarily checks himself into rehab 31

Book Smarts

Authors, publishers and librarians who 'live by the book' mull what's changed and what it means

Revolutions in the book business make headlines day after day. Two years ago, Borders filed for bankruptcy; Amazon, the bane of bookstores, has become a formidable publisher as well; and, among other upheavals, a dispute over financial terms between Barnes & Noble and Simon & Schuster has led the retailer to cut back on orders from the publisher. What does all this mean for the people who work in the industry, from authors to literary agents, publishers and librarians? Style posed that question to several Washingtonians who live by the book. To read more from experts, visit washingtonpost.com/style. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

THE PUBLISHER

David Miller

For years, book publishers have relied on a rich ecology of media to present authors and their ideas to readers. ... As we stumble our way through the Great Disruption, we're learning that the digital world is quite different. The first irony turns out to be that, while "word of mouth" is the holy grail of bookselling, we publishers were never very involved in the conversation. ... What we are all becoming [now] isn't nearly as clear as it used to be.

● Miller is the publisher of Island Press.

THE LIT AGENT

Raphael Sagalyn

I could give you the glass-is-half-empty publishing story, from the demise of retail chains to the jaw-dropping acquisition of Penguin by Random House. But no, this glass is more than half-full. Books from the mainstream publishers still drive national conversation and keep us up at night, turning pages or swiping screens. ... Amazingly good books keep coming and selling amazingly well, from "Gone Girl" to George Saunders.

● Sagalyn is the managing director of ICM/Sagalyn.

THE TEACHER

"Indie bookshops are like vinyl — real treasure for people in the know, who are passionate about writing and writers. The new wave of bookshops popping up in Brooklyn feels so right. ... Some of them are publishing zines or books. That's a welcome return to roots."

—**RICHARD PEABODY,** editor of the literary magazine Gargoyle, teaches fiction writing for the Johns Hopkins Advanced Studies Program

THE LIBRARIAN

Ginnie Cooper

In many ways, this is the best of times for the D.C. Public Library. More people are using the libraries than ever before. They are borrowing more books and other library materials in record numbers. ... People are finding what they want and need at the library. ... The challenge for libraries today is to serve those who want what libraries have traditionally provided while welcoming those who seek books and information in the format they want.

● Cooper is Washington's chief librarian.

THE CRITIC

Mark Athitakis

Books aren't just in conversation with readers but with themselves: What happens on page 362 harks back to something on page 15 that foreshadows events on page 144. ... It wasn't until I began reading e-books that I realized how much bouncing back and forth I do in a physical book, something e-books don't easily facilitate. ... E-book progress bars encourage us to read only one way: straight ahead, at a sprint. It's unnatural.

● Athitakis has written book reviews for The Post.

THE NOVELIST

"I never anticipated that, when I became a professional writer, I'd also become a marketing strategist, publicist and entrepreneur. But ... I need to connect with my readers in as many creative, absurd and unexpected ways as possible."

—**JENNIFER MILLER,** who invented the Novelade Stand: a lemonade stand for books, where she sold copies of her debut novel, "The Year of the Gadfly"

THE HOPEFUL

Bettina Lanyi

For years, I've dreamed of a row of my novels lined up on a shelf in a brick-and-mortar bookstore, printed by a traditional publisher. It's a hard dream to let go of, even as I watch bookstores go out of business. ... I picture novelists of the future as the literary equivalent of home brewers, coming up with small batches of craft brews geared toward a specific taste. The challenge ... lies in connecting our work with those readers who have an appetite for it.

● Lanyi is working on her novel "Seeking Georgia."

THE BUYER

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—**MARK LaFRAMBOISE,** a book buyer at the bookstore Politics and Prose

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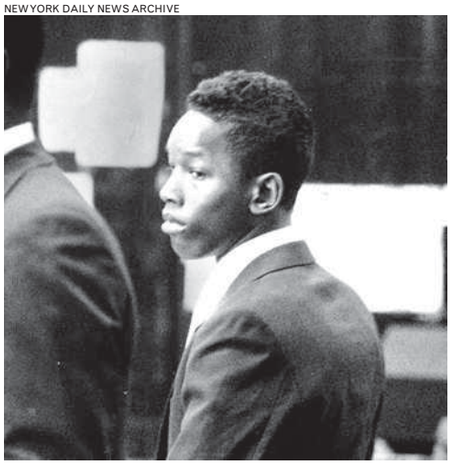

1 Falsely Accused

A rape case from 1989 has garnered new public fascination with the release of Ken Burns' documentary "The Central Park Five," which tells the story of the innocent men who went to jail for years for a crime they never committed. Catch a screening tonight at D.C.'s famously social-justice-centric restaurant. ***Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW; today, 6:30 p.m., free; 202-387-7638, Busboysandpoets.com. (U Street)***

2 The Power Of Forgiveness

Broadway star Hinton Battle is the producer-director-actor behind "Love Lies," a touring production about three women who attend the funeral of their mutual fiance — and only there discover that he had multiple women in his life. Since they can't kill a guy who's already dead, they have to figure out how to forgive him instead. ***Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; through April 7, $41.50-$57; 202-783-4000, Warnertheatredc.com. (Metro Center)***

3 Go Your Own Way, Stevie

This is the least insane still we could find from "In Your Dreams: Stevie Nicks," the new documentary about the '70s superstar gypsy alien queen of Fleetwood Mac. It's the chronicle of making her latest solo album in 2010, including recording sessions and personal interviews. ***AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; today, 7:15 p.m., $7-$11.50; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)***

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TV tonight lookout

Disappearing Dramas

Broadcast networks are canceling shows before some viewers find out they exist

Television

Skittish viewers who guard their time are making the already difficult task of establishing new dramas on broadcast television even harder.

"Zero Hour," the series that Zack Estrin helped produce for ABC, debuted on Valentine's Day. Starring Anthony Edwards, "Zero Hour" demanded a viewer's attention as it laid out a complex conspiracy meant to last at least a season.

The first of 13 filmed episodes reached 6.4 million people and did particularly poorly among the youthful demographic that ABC targets. The buzzards began circling. The second episode was down to 5.39 million viewers, the third 5.05 million. Then ABC pulled the plug.

The reluctance of viewers to try something new feeds a vicious cycle, Estrin says: "Audiences don't watch because they fear it's going to be taken off, and it's taken off because audiences don't watch. It is a challenge for these types of shows going forward. You wonder if 'Lost' came on today, would it have as many viewers right off the bat?"

So far this season, Fox pulled the series "The Mob Doctor" after 11 episodes and ABC canceled "666 Park Avenue" after nine episodes. People barely had a chance to become familiar with CBS' "Made in Jersey" or NBC's "Do No Harm"; both ended after only two airings.

Broadcast networks primarily rely on advertising for revenue, and if a show isn't meeting expectations, executives often must act quickly.

With all the networks, shows and ways to watch them, dramas can come and go before people are even aware they exist. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

PHILLIPPE BOSSE/ABC

ABC canceled the Anthony Edwards drama "Zero Hour" after just three episodes.

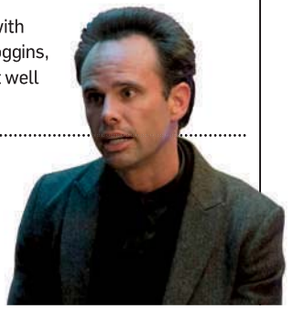
BEST BETS

ABC 8:00 **Splash** The eight remaining contestants are paired up for a partner dive. Afterward, the two members of the duo that scored the lowest in that event will compete against each other in a dive-off to determine who goes home. David Boudia and Steve Foley judge their efforts.

NBC 9:31

The New Normal Bryan (Andrew Rannells, left) and David's wedding day arrives with its share of roadblocks on the way to the altar — this is a sitcom wedding, after all — but the happy couple are determined to tie the knot before their baby arrives.

FX 10:00 **Justified** Raylan has a showdown with the Detroit mob, while Boyd (Walton Goggins, right) and Ava struggle to keep a secret well hidden in the season finale.



CBS 10:00 **Golden Boy** A subway shooting hits very close to home for McKenzie when bullets found at the scene turn out to match those from the gun that killed her brother. Owen has second thoughts about his retirement. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Sitcoms

Religious Discovery

On "The Mindy Project" (Fox, 9:30 p.m.), Mindy (Mindy Kaling, above right) goes out on a date with a cute minister named Casey (guest star Anders Holm, above left) and attends his church's services to try to show him that she's a good person — not a selfish one. It doesn't do the trick, though, so Mindy goes on a volunteer trip to a women's prison with her practice, just to prove Casey wrong. (EXPRESS)

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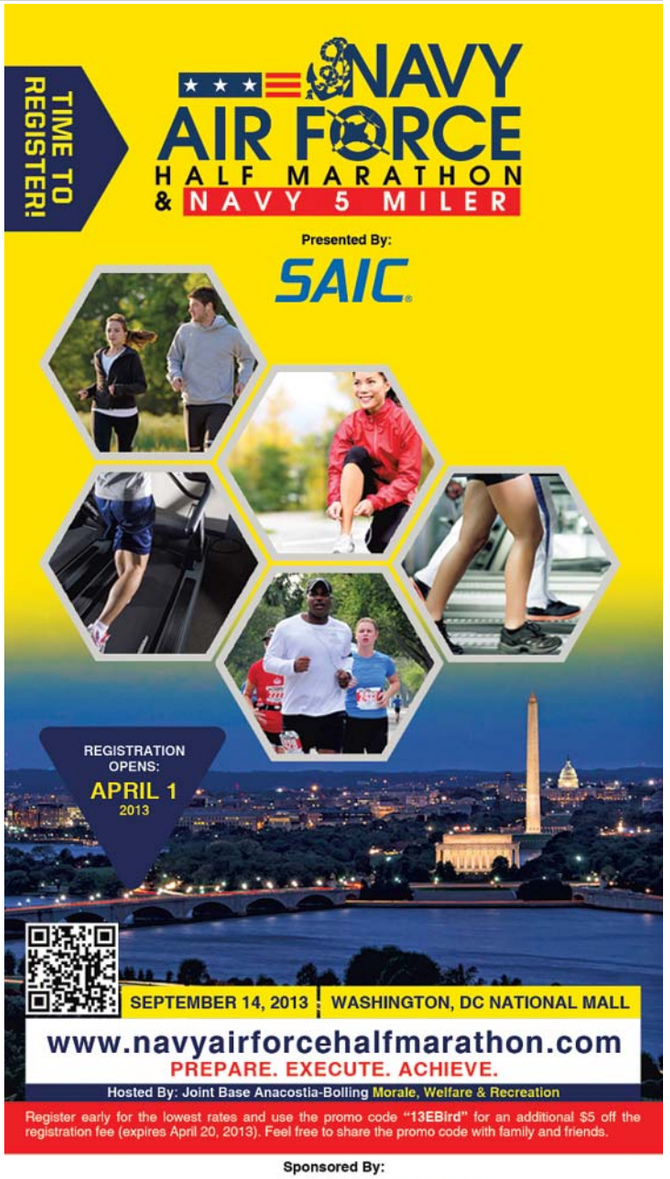

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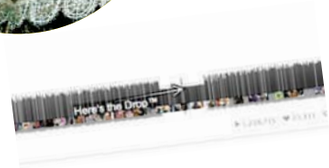

"And, while we're all excited to see if the Nats live up to the lofty predictions ... there's one thing about the Nationals' return to D.C. you might not be too thrilled about. The beer."

—**BENJAMIN R. FREED AT DCIST.COM** remarks on a CNN report about the cost of ballpark concessions. The report found that Nationals Park charges some of the highest prices in the nation for beer at $8 for 16 ounces.

"Whoa. Great hire, congrats to @JFKucinich and @TheFix."

—**@DAVIDPASCH** applauds The Washington Post's hiring of USA Today's political reporter Jackie Kucinich. She will work with Chris Cillizza as a co-anchor on the company's new political Web channel.

"It was an unexpected news story for CBS Sports, filled with production pressure, and I thought they handled it well. The production quickly moved off the video of the play (there were only two replays) to tell the surrounding story: fans, teammates and coaches crying, opponents reacting with horror."

—**RICHARD DEITSCH AT SPORTSILLUSTRATED.CNN.COM** thought the network did a good job in covering Louisville's Kevin Ware, who suffered a gruesome compound leg fracture during Sunday's win over Duke in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

"Shakespeare, not only the world's greatest poet, but also a practitioner of government revenue evasion, that my friends is truly a great and wise man."

—**COMMENTER VIDAR AT TELEGRAPH.CO.UK/CULTURE/THEATRE** reacts to a story about a new study that says William Shakespeare was repeatedly prosecuted for illegally hoarding food.

"I fell for that Soundcloud 'Here's the Drop' april fools joke hard! I was annoyed for like 15 mins lol"

—**@_JONJON** was relieved to find out that the music-sharing site's feature — which placed big icons with that tagline over its song widgets — was a joke.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are working toward something that can benefit many, including yourself. Don't let yourself be distracted or blown off course.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Starting will be the most difficult thing you do all day, but once you get going, momentum will take care of most problems.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) What you suspect is likely to be true — though there may not be anything you can do about it until it is too late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your enthusiasm is on the rise and is likely to inspire and energize those around you. Much can be done at this time — with you at the helm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may be trying someone else's patience with a tactic that is really no different from procrastination. Do what you must do!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be the only person in a position to get things done according to schedule — and under budget. You're going to have to push!

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PAR SCORE 190-200, BEST SCORE 253

							1st Letter Triple	RACK 1
A1	A1	I1	O1	N1	G2	M3		
							Double Word Score	RACK 2
E1	U1	U1	S1	S1	M3	B3		
								RACK 3
E1	O1	N1	R1	R1	T1	T1		
								RACK 4
A1	E1	E1	H4	L1	P3	T1		

Yesterday's Solution

B3	A1	L1	D2	I1	S1	H4	RACK 1 =	76
W4	E1	A1	P3	O1	N1	S1	RACK 2 =	62
B3	E1	D2	L1	A1	M3	P3	RACK 3 =	64
S1	I1	X8	T1	E1	E1	N1	RACK 4 =	80
PAR SCORE 215-225							TOTAL	282

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Make a 2-7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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	2			9		5	8	
	1	9		8	3	4		7
	3	7		2	4			
5			1	3	8			2
			9	5		3	1	
9		1	3	6		8	4	
	5	2		4			7	
4		6			5			

Yesterday's Solution

1	2	9	5	7	3	4	6	8
7	6	3	8	1	4	2	9	5
4	8	5	2	9	6	3	7	1
2	7	8	3	4	1	9	5	6
6	3	4	9	5	8	1	2	7
9	5	1	6	2	7	8	3	4
8	4	2	7	3	5	6	1	9
3	1	7	4	6	9	5	8	2
5	9	6	1	8	2	7	4	3

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

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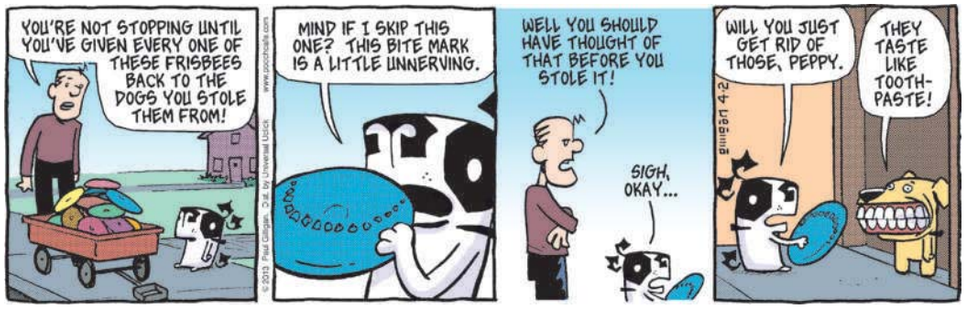

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

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52 | 32

Today: Mostly sunny, breezy and cooler today. Clear tonight.

53 | 31

Tomorrow: Sunny and breezy tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

THU	FRI	SAT
58 | 43	61 | 40	61 | 48

Sun and Moon
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Sunset today: 7:33 p.m.
Moonrise today: 1:35 a.m.
Moonset today: 11:43 a.m.

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Record low: 15

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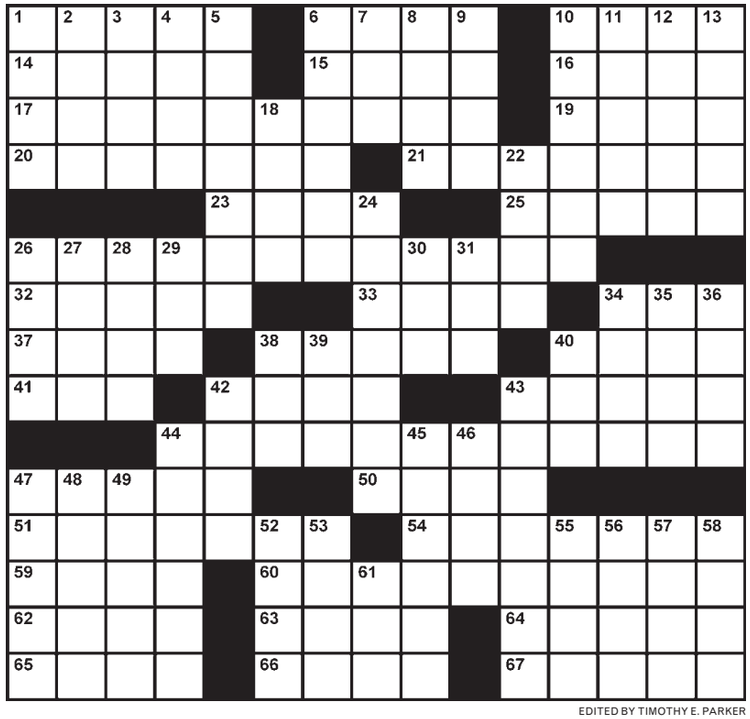

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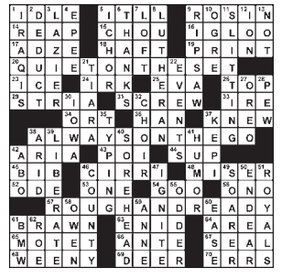
ACROSS

1 Backing for plasterwork
6 Cheers' opposites
10 Ducky shade of blue
14 "Adam Bede" author George
15 War board game
16 Primal impulse
17 Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs hit
19 Poet Teasdale
20 Sweeper's need
21 Aluminum discoverer
23 Unclean, by Jewish law
25 Therapeutic plants
26 Two-way device
32 "I, Robot" author Asimov
33 More than desire
34 Professor's deg.
37 Diminutive
38 Begin, as bad weather
40 Many a jazz combo
41 Used to own
42 Long, involved story
43 Gulliver's creator
44 Up-tempo jazz style
47 Letter flourish
50 "The best ___ schemes ..."
51 Time for some raids
54 Circus staple
59 Type of wine
60 Dance where "you turn yourself around"
62 Miner's path
63 Partner of "done with"
64 Musical melodrama
65 Cravings, Japanese coins
66 Flashy car accessories
67 Change south of the border

DOWN

1 Far from family-friendly
2 Moises, Felipe or Jesus of baseball lore
3 Members of la familia
4 "Arrested Development" character Steve
5 Kind of first-aid pencil
6 Man with dark hair
7 Friction easer
8 It was formerly Christiania
9 ___ terrier (Scottish breed)
10 Tug-of-war
11 A sister of Clio
12 Feel the same way
13 Clues, to a detective
18 Expose, as skin
22 Vice squad venture
24 Pigeon variety
26 "___ pleasure!"
27 '70s supergroup
28 Arrive at the airport, say
29 Mary of cosmetics
30 Circle of flowers
31 He's a doll
34 Morally smug person
35 Dated sound system
36 Act the loving grandparent
38 "St." in Brazil
39 Over-easy item
40 One more is a crowd
42 Cushy furniture piece
43 Ginger ale or root beer
44 Bathroom fixtures
45 Cafe patrons
46 Sinewy and lean
47 Floral arrangement
48 Wear away over time
49 Sticky pine stuff
52 "To ___ it may concern"
53 "Blame It on the Bossa ___"
55 Ring of the Fisherman wearer
56 ___ out a living (gets by)
57 You can't divide by it
58 Young falcon or hawk
61 Beer blast centerpiece

Yesterday's Solution



TODAY IN HISTORY

1513 Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition land in present-day Florida.

1792 Congress passes the Coinage Act, which authorizes establishment of the U.S. Mint.

1982 Several thousand troops from Argentina seize the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain would seize the islands back the following June.)

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DESPERATION

Those Hints Will Only Work If Your Boyfriend Reads Cosmo, Rachel

Rachel Bilson tells Cosmopolitan that she's "a really good girlfriend" to fellow actor Hayden Christensen, whom she's been dating for six years. The two called off wedding plans in 2010, but Bilson says she has "family on the brain" and "having kids is something I want to see in my future." She added that her secret ambition is to be a rapper. (EXPRESS)

ONCE MORE WITH FEELING

Getting Clean

"Glee" star Cory Monteith is heading to rehab. In a statement, Monteith's rep confirmed Sunday night that the actor has "voluntarily admitted himself to a treatment facility for substance addiction. He graciously asks for your respect and privacy as he takes the necessary steps towards recovery." This is not the 30-year-old's first time in rehab. He got treatment when he was 19 and previously has spoken about his addiction struggles, saying he had a serious problem and took just "anything and everything." (AP)

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Chris Brown-Rihanna News Causes World to Throw Up Hands in Defeat

In an interview with Matt Lauer on the "Today" show Monday, Chris Brown cleared up the rumors that he and Rihanna are no longer a couple. Brown said his interview with Los Angeles radio station Power 106 on Friday was taken out of context and he and Rihanna are still together. "We're fine," he said; the host "got it wrong." (EXPRESS)

MODERN LIFE

'Sound Guy' Included in Precious Family Moment

Josh and Anna Duggar, stars of TLC's "19 Kids and Counting" (Josh is one of the "Kids"), are expecting a baby boy. People magazine reports that the two found out the sex of their baby while taping their show. "We didn't know the results," Josh said. "We gave them to the sound guy, Jim, and he planned out this very unique reveal." It will be their third child. (EXPRESS)

SCOTT ENLOW/TLC

Three-year-old Mackynzie, far left, plots to get rid of the infant interloper.

Dirtbag Digest

'But She Insists on Having Thin Mints'

Lindsay Lohan refused to take a plea deal unless the rehab facility she'd be agreeing to enter would allow her to continue taking Adderall, TMZ.com reports. Sources told TMZ that Lohan believes she needs the drug to function. On Monday, her lawyer denied categorically that Adderall was part of any plea-deal negotiations. (EXPRESS)

"So apparently it doesn't wash out. Looks like I'm sporting pink locks for the rest of this trip."

—LAUREN CONRAD, WHO VISITED INDIA DURING THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF HOLI AND WAS DOUSED IN PINK PAINT. SHE POSTED A WEBSTAGRAM PHOTO OF HER NEW PINK HAIR.

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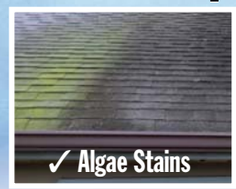

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The Problem:
Old gutters allow water flow into your home's foundation, even where you CAN'T see it, causing rot, mold, insect infestations and peeling.

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- Protects your existing gutters.
- Low maintenance, no clog-system.
- Eliminates moisture damage, as well as the need for cleaning your gutters.
- Guaranteed never to clog.

How It Works:
- Leaf Slugger fits on top of existing gutters, acting as an extension of your home's roof.
- Leaf Slugger utilizes the laws of water adhesion, ensuring water is transported away from your home.

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